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ask Senator Baker a few questions about this nominee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you respond?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, how far is Hemingford from Lincoln, if you have any idea?

SENATOR BAKER: You could ask Senator Loudon on that; he'd have a better idea than I, but several hundred miles.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: I'm getting a cue back here, 500. I don't...that's coming from the section of senators back here, but I'll bet that's close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And she actually appeared before the committee?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, she did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was there anybody who appeared to speak in her behalf?

SENATOR BAKER: No...yes, Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials, spoke in her behalf.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what did he say?

SENATOR BAKER: He urged us to approve her appointment, and I think that was it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he say why?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, I think, once again, her credentials are very good, and he apparently had some experience working with Ms. Keegan and felt she...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not apparently. Did he say he'd had